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SUBJECT: BILLINGTON VISIT

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1. PROFESSOR BILLINGTON CALLED EUR/SOV TO SAY THAT HE FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO MEET WITH SOVIET QUOTE POLITICAL PARTY LEADER UNQUOTE DURING HIS VISIT. HE FIRST MENTIONED SUSLOV OR PONOMAREV BUT THEN SAID HE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING WITH A YOUNGER LEADER, SUCH AS KATUSHEV, THE BROADER POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

2. DEPT OFFICER SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING. HE SUGGESTED THAT, IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, MORE LIKELY LEVEL OF MEETING WOULD BE WITH SOME-ONE LIKE MOSTOVETS, BUT SAID HE WOULD PASS ON BILLINGTON'S REQUEST TO EMBASSY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH CU. DEPT HAS NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY'S MAKING REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH POLITICAL OFFICIAL AT LEVEL DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

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3. BILLINGTON ALSO REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH INOZEMTSEV
OF IMEMO AND MADAME POPOVA OF MINISTRY OF CULTURE. ROBINSON

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